Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—May I know the amount given to Miss George and Srimati Droupathi Amma for attending the Conference held at Delhi during last year ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Rs. 200.

Srimati T. Madhavi Amma.—From what minor head was it diverted ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It was a gift by Government.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—May I know, if children of both sexes attend primary schools ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Up to class IV both sexes are admitted.

Motions on Demand for Supplementary Grant.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs. 10,000 for 'Primary Education—Grants-in-aid' by one rupee.*

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I want to draw the attention of the Director to the condition of the 'Little Flower School' in Cranganur. It is in Lokamaleswaram. It was newly started some 2 years ago, and I understand that, though the Government promised to give grant, no grant has yet been given. Two of the Head-masters of the locality and I myself have gone to the school, and the Inspector has also reported in favour of the school. The teachers are working there for charity, and they are paid a small amount out of public subscriptions.

President.—What is the strength of the school ?

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—There are two classes and each class consists of more students than are allowed by the *Code* —more than 30. There is no school in Cranganur used by these people and no school within one mile radius.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is one of these schools that we have simply recognised and not aided. We have nearly exhausted the educational allotment for Cranganur.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—That is no reason to stop the school.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There is no possibility of increasing the educational budget.

President.—There is some surplus under 'Opium and Ganja.'

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—Even otherwise, there is surplus.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I should be very glad.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—There is a surplus of more than Rs. 600. There is no reason for saving one pie out of schools.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—But the position until last year was that Cranganur was spending about 33 per cent on

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education, so that it it was not possible to increase the allotment.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—This is a necessary school.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I quite admit. I should think so.

President.—Have you enquired into the condition of the school which is brought to our notice?

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I had written these facts to the Director myself, and I am sorry that none of the Inspecting Officers have yet inspected the school.

President.—How far is it from the High School?

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—It is nearly two miles.

President.—On the western side?

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—On the north.

President.—On the Eriyad side? You considered the question, and you left it at what point?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I recognised the school, and the question of giving aid was put off till I find there is some saving in the Cranganur educational budget.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I think some saving can be found, if some lower grade teachers are transferred or if the Upper Secondary classes of the Girls' school are abolished.

Roa Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—That was suggested once and the Diwan knows it. Goturutti girls come there now, and it is in a better state.

Mr. N Padmanabha Menon.—On two previous occasions it was brought to the notice of the Government in the strongest possible language, and the decision was against the abolition.

I shall withdraw my motion, if there is an assurance that the condition of the school will be sympathetically considered.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—All these will be sympathetically considered.

President.—I think you may hold out a permanent assurance and not a special one.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—I withdraw my motion.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—*To reduce the allotment of Rs 10,000 for 'Primary Education of the Depressed Classes' by Rs. 1,000.*

President.—The next motion stands in the name of Mr. Salem, to reduce the whole allotment by Rs. 1,000.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sir, I should not be understood as being in any way against giving the largest encouragement possible to the depressed classes. I have tabled this, because I find that, in many matters wherever the Government found it necessary to spend money, they have not hesitated to do so. They

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have anticipated the approval of this House, have spent the money and have placed a statement before the House. Sometimes they have treated the money spent as under emergencies, holding that no sanction or approval of the House is necessary, and place a statement here But I find in this absolutely necessary item of expenditure, namely, the feeding of these depressed classes, that that responsibility has not been shouldered by the Government. That responsibility has been shirked by the Government. I am tempted to suggest that it might have been done for the purpose of throwing that responsibility of stopping feeding, on to the head of the non-official Members of the Legislative Council—to say amidst the depressed classes that on account of the Legislative Council sitting, we are unable to continue this feeding.

President.—You should not have stopped feeding.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That is what I am saying. Here there are little boys coming from their homes with the object of getting a little food; and for the parents, all on a sudden to be told to-day our children came back starving, is a hardship. These ought not to have been done in the country. You ought not to have given room for any impression that the non-official Members of this Council would not sanction this very necessary expenditure. Did you incur it in anticipation of the approval of this House ? That is my complaint and that is my only complaint.

President.—Then yours must be in the nature of a token motion.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The idea was different. I shall tell you. I must think that 5,000 rupees more was required for the purpose of feeding the children. Before we grant this there was the question whether any of the schools are necessary to be continued and so on. So we thought we could give a substantial motion. I don't want to press the cut to a division at all. I don't wish to cut a pie because it is for education. The only thing that I have to bring to your attention is that in these matters a wrong impression should not be created. Wherever there is money necessary, spend it. We trust you,—yesterday you asked us to trust you—though you do not trust us, we absolutely trust you. In this case this impression will not go. On account of the Legislative Council our feeding has been stopped—that will be the impression in the minds of the children.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—There was also the question of the House granting the additional grant.

President.—They are in full sympathy. You can count upon their sympathy.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Why was it stopped for a month?

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Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Not stopped everywhere, but only in one division.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—In all cases, spend, I say. Hereafter for feeding poor children never stop for want of funds. Transfer it from another head. With great difficulty we have got from the Finance Member that he will put after transferring a voluminous register from which we may or may not be able to gather information. I say in such cases you should shoulder responsibility, and such responsibility is absolutely yours and not ours in the least. That is one thing. Sir, then I would like to know by how many per cent the total number of Pulaya children in the schools have exceeded the previous numbers in our schools.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—I said last year it was 4,000, this year 8,000 in all the schools put together.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What is the total number of those fed and clothed ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—All these are fed, but we feed them only once a week.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You must at least feed them once a day.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—This amount will have to be trebled or quadrupled. With Rs. 20,000 we were feeding once a day, but the number was much less.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Rs. 20,000, when the number was much less, and now the number is much more. It is 8,000. I think that decision ought to be reversed.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Now we have already spent Rs. 12,000 on feeding, and clothing. Now I am asking for Rs. 5,000 more, i. e., Rs. 17,000.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I hope that the Director of Public Instruction will provide to give one meal a day in the next budget. Can people live upon one meal a week ?

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—It is not actually feeding them throughout the week. It is held out as an incentive. If they are regular throughout the week, on the last day they are fed. If it is one meal every day, it will come to a lakh and a half. As I told this House at one time we used to feed daily, and then there was this temptation. There was the prohibitive rise. If the House would be so generous as to place this amount at the disposal of us ——

Mr. A. B. Salem.—But do they get it ? If it really goes to the children and not into the pockets of the cannibals, we will certainly be generous to give the same.

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President.—Let them be fed twice a day.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—When they come in the morning, they will have taken something. No parent would leave his child with an empty stomach. How many years will you have to feed them? Only for five or six years.

President.—With these remarks do you withdraw or have you got anything more to say?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—One more point. The labels of these schools should be changed. No school should be named by the caste of the pupils that come there. That is a point said already.

President.—You changed the name of the Victoria Jubilee School.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—Here the point is, we don't name the school. They come to us from the Manager.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Such names are sent to you, because they think they will appeal to you. Therefore, for that kind of appeal, false sentiment, you should not go in. Let them straightforwardly come and say, we want to start a school, and call the school by any other name,'Little flower', 'Big flower' or whatever other flowers. You can give them any number of names. Before giving aid you can insist, we will give you aid only if you change the name into some other name. If it is a policy laid down, the labels will go and people will adhere to the policy.

President.—About the other side of the picture, there is no magic in words.

Mr. C. Achyuta Menon.—Is there any Jewish School?

Mr. A. B. Salem.—You must be proud to be a Jew. Nobody is proud of being a Pulaya.

I withdraw my motion.

(*The question of passing the additional allotment of Rs. 10,000 'under Primary Education, Grants-in-Aid-Depressed Classes' was put to the vote and was carried.*)

President.—The next demand stands in the name of the Diwan Peishkar. He is absent. Th y are to be omitted.

Mr. N. Padmanabha Menon.—They are to be taken day after to-morrow.

President.—Was the list circulated?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—His statement was placed on the table.

Resolutions on matters of general public Interest.

1. *Issue of an Annual Directory of the State.*

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